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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PROPOSED US STATEMENT TO BE  
DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE TO THE 33RD SESSION:

1. BEGIN QUOTE: MR. CHAIRMAN, EXCELLENCIES, COLLEAGUES:
2. IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE FOR MY DELEGATION TO BE HERE  
IN BANGKOK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 33RD SESSION OF THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.  
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I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN CONGRATULATING YOU,  
MR. CHAIRMAN, AND YOUR ASSOCIATE PRESIDING OFFICERS ON  
YOUR ELECTIONS. MY DELEGATION LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING  
UNDER YOUR DIRECTION TOWARDS A VERY PRODUCTIVE AND  
CONSTRUCTIVE SESSION.

3. MY DELEGATION LISTENED WITH GREAT INTEREST TO THE  
OPENING REMARKS OF (BLANK) OF THAILAND. I WANT TO EXPRESS  
OUR SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT  
FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING HOSPITALITY.

4. I WISH TO THANK THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE PREPARATIONS WHICH WERE MADE FOR THE CONFERENCE. THOSE PREPARATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF THIS SESSION.

5. SINCE THE LAST ESCAP PLENARY, A NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES. AS IT BEGAN ITS WORK IT FACED A FULL AND URGENT SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS CONCERNED WITH THE CONTINUING NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE THAT BEGAN SO AUSPICIOUSLY AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SEPTEMBER 1975. RECOGNIZING THAT THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THESE MEETINGS WERE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE AND URGENCY THAT THEY COULD BROOK NO DELAY, PRESIDENT CARTER IMMEDIATELY DIRECTED HIS ADMINISTRATION TO BEGIN A SEARCHING REVIEW OF BASIC US ECONOMIC POLICIES ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES AND TO PARTICIPATE IN APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. WITHIN A FEW WEEKS AFTER HIS INAUGURATION, PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN RESOLVING THE URGENT PROBLEMS FACED BY THE WHOLE WORLD. IN HIS MARCH 18 SPEECH TO THE UN, HE CALLED FOR A JOINT EFFORT IN THE GREAT TASKS OF MAINTAINING PEACE AND REDUCING THE ARMS  
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RACE; HELPING BUILD A BETTER AND MORE COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC SYSTEM; AND ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

7. WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIAL CONCERNS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PRESIDENT CARTER SAID: "ONE OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES BEFORE US AS A NATION AND THEREFORE ONE OF OUR GREATEST OPPORTUNITIES, IS TO PARTICIPATE IN MOLDING A GLOBAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM WHICH WILL BRING GREATER PROSPERITY TO THE PEOPLE OF ALL COUNTRIES." HE ADDED, "TO THIS END THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ADVANCING PROPOSALS AIMED AT MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD AND HELPING THEM TO INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY." HE STATED FURTHER, "I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST ACQUIRE FULLER PARTICIPATION IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC DECISION PROCESS."

8. WITH REGARD TO UNCTAD'S INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES, PRESIDENT CARTER STATED, "THE UNITED STATES IS WILLING TO CONSIDER, WITH A POSITIVE AND OPEN ATTITUDE, THE NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS TO STABILIZE COMMODITY PRICES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A

COMMON FUNDING ARRANGEMENT FOR FINANCING BUFFER STOCKS WHERE THEY ARE PART OF INDIVIDUAL NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS."

9. IN THAT SPIRIT, THE US PARTICIPATED IN THE UN CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND IN GENEVA LAST MONTH. DESPITE THE LACK OF AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME, THE US MADE CLEAR ITS READINESS TO PARTICIPATE SERIOUSLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN WORKING TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON FUND. WE HAVE ALSO PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE ONGOING SERIES OF MEETINGS IN THE UNCTAD ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES.

10. OTHER NOTABLE LANDMARKS OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE IN RECENT MONTHS ARE THE AGREEMENTS ON THE REPLENISHMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE WORLD BANK, AND THE REPLENISHMENT OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. NEXT MONTH WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, A MEETING WHICH WE ARE CONFIDENT WILL MARK FURTHER ADVANCES IN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO COPE WITH MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

11. GROWTH WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE WILL BE A MAJOR FOCUS OF OUR PROCEEDINGS IN THIS SESSION AND IS, OF COURSE, A PARAMOUNT CONCERN OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS REPRESENTED HERE. IT IS A MATTER OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION AND IS BASIC TO THE NEW DIRECTIONS WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ENDORSED FOR AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. THOSE NEW DIRECTIONS CALL FOR GREATER EMPHASIS ON DELIVERING AID TO THE WORLD'S POOR MAJORITY AND ON INCREASING ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS. AS A MAJOR DONOR OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, THE UNITED STATES IS CONVINCED THAT WE CANNOT DEFINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ONLY IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF DOLLARS WE COMMIT TO THEM. THE BEST MEASURE IS THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

12. IN ITS "ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SURVEY OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, 1976", THE SECRETARIAT CLEARLY RECOGNIZES THAT GROWTH WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE REQUIRES EVER GREATER ATTENTION TO INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE POOR PEOPLE IN THE ESCAP REGION ARE RURAL PEOPLE; THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THESE DEVELOPING NATIONS IS IN RURAL AREAS; AND AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS IS A RURAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE FORM OF INCREASED FOOD

PRODUCTION. THIS EMPHASIS ON GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE RURAL POPULATIONS OF THE REGION IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IS IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE POLICIES OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID). USAID IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN FUNDING BILATERAL PROGRAMS IN THE ESCAP REGION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF FURTHERING THE PROGRESS OF INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

13. IN FISCAL YEAR 1978, USAID IS PROPOSING A PROGRAM OF \$368.3 MILLION FOR COUNTRIES IN SOUTH ASIA AND THE FAR EAST, TWO-THIRDS OF THAT AMOUNT DEVOTED TO PROJECTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. THESE PROJECTS FOCUS ON INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION AMONG SMALL FARMERS THROUGH IMPROVED PRODUCTION AND MARKETING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. IN THE POPULATION FIELD, USAID CONTINUES TO SUPPORT FAMILY PLANNING PROJECTS WITH A HEAVY EMPHASIS ON RURAL AREAS. HEALTH PROJECTS STRESS INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN RURAL AREAS AND THE PROVISION OF POTABLE WATER TO REDUCE ENTERIC DISEASES. USAID ALSO PROPOSES TO HELP CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BUILD THEIR CAPACITY TO DESIGN, IMPLEMENT AND EVALUATE EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THEIR RURAL POPULATIONS.

14. MY DELEGATION APPLAUDS THE SECRETARIAT'S FORTHRIGHT RECOGNITION, WHICH WE FEEL REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF MOST MEMBER NATIONS, THAT EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REQUIRES SOUND DOMESTIC POLICIES AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS OF RESOURCES AND THAT THESE DOMESTIC POLICIES PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN CREATING A PUBLIC OPINION IN DONOR COUNTRIES WHICH IS SUPPORTIVE OF THOSE INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS. THIS TYPE OF RECOGNITION OF THE MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS IS ESSENTIAL TO A CONTINUED CONSTRUCTIVE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. THE UNITED STATES WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AMONG ESCAP MEMBER NATIONS EXEMPLIFIED BY THIS ACCEPTANCE OF MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

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15. THESE PROCEEDINGS WILL ALSO FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING NATIONS. ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS A NEW CONCEPT WHICH IS NOT YET FULLY DEFINED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO COOPERATING WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO FURTHER REFINE IT. NONETHELESS, WE SUPPORT THE BASIC THRUST OF THIS EFFORT TO MORE FULLY UTILIZE THE

RESOURCES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THEIR OWN COLLECTIVE BEHALF IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OPEN, INTEGRATED WORLD ECONOMY. WE COMMEND THE SECRETARIAT FOR ITS EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THROUGH THE PROGRAM OF WORK AND

PRIORITIES THOSE SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE THIS CONCEPT MAY BE CONSTRUCTIVELY APPLIED TO ESCAP ACTIVITIES.

16. THE ESCAP REGION IS AND WILL REMAIN AN AREA OF GREAT ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE A GROWING VOLUME OF TRADE WITH THE REGION; SINCE 1972 THE VOLUME OF TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REGION HAS EXCEEDED OUR TRADE WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET. MOREOVER, US INVESTMENT HAS GROWN RAPIDLY, NOW HAVING A BOOK VALUE OF OVER \$10 BILLION. ESCAP MEMBERS ARE ALSO VITAL SUPPLIERS OF RAW MATERIALS FOR AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

17. THE US INTENDS TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUED STRONG ECONOMIC PRESENCE IN ASIA, TO ENCOURAGE THE FREE FLOW OF GOODS AND SERVICES AND INVESTMENTS IN THE REGION AND TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PRESERVING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY. IN THIS REGARD WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT ON A RANGE OF ECONOMIC ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

18. UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND ITS MISSION OF ASSISTING IN THE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE ASIAN REGION REMAINS FIRM. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUESTED \$814 MILLION FOR THE SECOND REPLENISHMENT OF THE ADB AND \$60 MILLION FOR THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THE FIRST REPLENISHMENT OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND.

19. IN ITS TEN YEARS OF OPERATIONS, THE ADB HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC. LAST YEAR ADB LENDING TOTALED OVER THREE QUARTERS OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS. AS A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, IT PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN MOBILIZING SELF-HELP RESOURCES AND BRINGING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE TO BEAR ON ASIAN DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. THE INCREASED ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO LOWER INCOME GROUPS THROUGH THE BANK'S EMPHASIS ON EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER SOCIAL PURPOSES, CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TO THE REALIZATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE.

20. MR. CHAIRMAN, MY DELEGATION WISHES TO EXTEND A SPECIAL COMPLIMENT TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR ITS CONTINUING

EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION. WE ARE MOST IMPRESSED WITH THE PROGRESS MADE IN BRINGING THE PROGRAM INTO LINE WITH THE PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS 31ST AND 32ND SESSIONS. WE APPLAUD THE RECOGNITION, APPARENT IN THE DOCUMENTATION, OF THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY BUDGETARY RESOURCES. WE DO NOT WISH TO IMPLY THAT THERE

IS NOT ROOM FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THE SECRETARIAT'S EFFORT IS A VERY COMMENDABLE ONE WHICH IS WORTHY OF CONTINUED STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP. I CAN ASSURE THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT THAT HE WILL RECEIVE THE FULLEST SUPPORT OF MY DELEGATION IN THIS REGARD.

21. THIS COMMISSION HAS A VERY HEAVY SCHEDULE OF WORK AHEAD OF IT IN THE COMING DAYS. WE WILL NO DOUBT DEAL WITH ISSUES ON WHICH THERE WILL BE SHARP DISAGREEMENT.  
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MY DELEGATION WILL EXPRESS ITS VIEWS WITH FRANKNESS BUT IN THE SPIRIT OF A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. WE TRUST THAT OUR COLLEAGUES WILL DO THE SAME.

22. MR. CHAIRMAN, MY DELEGATION LOOKS FORWARD TO THE DELIBERATIONS BEFORE US. WE DO SO IN GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP THE 33RD SESSION OF THIS COMMISSION WILL BE A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ONE. END QUOTE.

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